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1. I PRESENTED MY CREDENTIALS TO PRESIDENT GISCARD
D'ESTAING THURSDAY NOVEMBER 21 AT 4:15 P.M.

2. FOR TEXT OF MY REMARKS SEE REFTEL.

3. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY'S TRANSLATION OF GISCARD

D'ESTAING'S REMARKS:

MR. AMBASSADOR:

IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I RECEIVE THE
LETTERS BY WHICH THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA ACCREDITS YOU TO ME AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY
AND PLENIPOTENTIARY.

FIRST OF ALL, BECAUSE OF WHO YOU ARE. THE HIGH
POSITIONS WHICH YOU HAVE OCCUPIED HAVE GIVEN YOU A
KNOWLEDGE OF THE WORLD AND AN EXPERIENCE WITH ECONOMIC
PROBLEMS WHICH ASSURE US OF THE COMPETENCE WITH WHICH
YOU WILL CARRY OUT YOUR NEW MISSION. YOU ARE ALREADY
SUFFICIENTLY KNOWN BY THOSE PEOPLE WHO WILL HENCEFORTH
BE YOUR MAIN CONTACTS SO THAT THE REPUTATION OF YOUR
GREAT ABILITY AND OBJECTIVITY HAS ALREADY PRECEDED YOU

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TO PARIS.

IT IS ALSO BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU REPRESENT THAT I HAVE GREAT PLEASURE IN GREETING YOU. BETWEEN FRANCE AND THE UNITED STATES THERE EXISTS NOT ONLY A TWO-HUNDRED-YEAR-OLD FRIENDSHIP, BUT A FRATERNITY BORN OF SHARED CHALLENGES, AND AN ALLIANCE THAT RESPONDS TO TODAY'S REQUIREMENTS. THE QUALITY OF OUR RELATIONSHIP HAS ITS ORIGIN IN OUR COMMON BELIEF IN THE LIBERTY OF MANKIND, IN RESPECT FOR THE RIGHTS OF NATIONS, AND IN OUR COMMON DESIRE TO BRING ABOUT PEACE AND PROGRESS.

THAT DOES NOT MEAN THAT WE CAN OR SHOULD ON ALL OCCASIONS ADOPT IDENTICAL ATTITUDES. THE DIFFERENCES IN OUR GEOGRAPHIC SITUATIONS, IN OUR POSSESSION OF RESOURCES, AND IN THE ORIENTATION OF SOME OF OUR RESPECTIVE INTERESTS SOMETIMES LEAD US TO TRY AND REACH OUR SIMILAR OBJECTIVES BY DIFFERENT ROUTES.

THAT MEANS WE SHOULD NOT ONLY TRY TO AVOID OR ELIMINATE MISUNDERSTANDINGS WHICH MAY COME ABOUT, BUT ABOVE ALL TO HAVE THE HABIT OF ENGAGING IN A FRANK DIALOGUE BETWEEN US.

IT IS IN THIS SPIRIT THAT I LOOK FORWARD TO MY FORTHCOMING MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FORD AND TO DEVELOPING WITH HIM THE DIRECT TYPE OF RELATIONSHIP WHICH HAS BEEN TRADITIONAL IN THE CONTACTS BETWEEN THE LEADERS OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

IN YOUR REMARKS, MR. AMBASSADOR, YOU SPEAK OF THE HISTORICAL TURNING POINTS AT WHICH THE WESTERN WORLD HAS ARRIVED, AS WELL AS THE CHALLENGE TO THE WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER PRESENTED BY RECENT EVENTS.

FRANCE IS WELL AWARE OF THE NEED TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT THESE NEW DEVELOPMENTS. THEY UNDERSCORE THE

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INTERDEPENDENCE OF ECONOMIES AND THE INDIVISIBILITY OF PEACE. THEY REQUIRE A SEARCH FOR NEW EQUILIBRIUMS WHICH WILL DEPEND, TO A LARGE EXTENT, BY THE WAY, ON THE POLITICAL ROLE WHICH EUROPE WILL BE ABLE TO PLAY. IN VIEW OF THE PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE RESULTED, FRANCE, AS YOU ARE AWARE, HAS CHOSEN THE ROAD OF CONCERTATION AND NEGOTIATION WHICH IN OUR VIEW CONFORMS TO THE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN NECESSITIES OF OUR TIME. IT IS A ROAD ON WHICH OUR TWO COUNTRIES SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET TOGETHER ALL THE MORE SINCE IT CONFORMS TO THEIR NATURAL INCLINATIONS.

THESE CIRCUMSTANCES ADD TO THE MANY REASONS WHICH LEAD US TO HOPE TO PURSUE A CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND FRANCE.

IN SUMMATION, I WISH TO EMPHASIZE THE GREAT IMPORTANCE OF THE MISSION WITH WHICH YOU ARE CHARGED BY CONFIRMING THAT I AND MY GOVERNMENT WILL GIVE YOU ALL THE SUPPORT THAT IS NECESSARY.

THIS DEMONSTRATES THE GREAT IMPORTANCE OF THE MISSION WITH WHICH YOU ARE CHARGED. BY CONFIRMING TO YOU THAT I AND MY GOVERNMENT WILL GIVE YOU ALL THE SUPPORT THAT YOU REQUIRE, I AM NOT JUST ENGAGING IN TRADITIONAL PROTOCOL.

I WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD BE SO KIND
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AS TO TRANSMIT MY FRIENDLY CONSIDERATION TO PRESIDENT FORD AS WELL AS MY BEST WISHES TO HIM AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.
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